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For: RIBAVIRIN-INTERFERON ALFA COMBINATION THERAPY FOR **ERADICATING DETECTABLE HCV-RNA IN PATIENTS HAVING** CHRONIC HEPATITIS C INFECTION

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed July 28, 2003.

Applicants are amending the above-identified application and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the grounds of rejection.

A Response Transmittal Sheet, a Fee Transmittal Sheet, a Petition and Fee for a Two Month Extension of Time to Respond, two Terminal Disclaimers, and a Business Reply Postcard are also enclosed.